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Rep. Slaughter Secures \$100,000 in Funding for Lewiston Landing
Money Will Improve Access to the Waterfront and Spur Economic Development

Washington, DC - Rep. Louise M. Slaughter (D-Fairport), Ranking Member of the House Rules Committee, today joined Lewiston Mayor Richard Soluri and numerous local political and business leaders to announce \$100,000 in federal funds that she has secured for improvements to Lewiston Landing .

"Lewiston has the natural attractions and recreational activities to make it a major regional tourist destination," Rep. Slaughter said. **"Capitalizing on this potential will spur economic development and create jobs.** With increased access to the Waterfront there can be more boating and fishing, allowing our restaurants, hotels, and other local businesses to flourish."

Lewiston Landing has been undergoing a three-phased improvement project that will enhance public access to the Niagara River, beautify the area for public benefit, and spur local economic

development.

The funds Rep. Slaughter secured is part of Phase III of the plan, and will be used to construct safer aluminum "slip" docks to replace wooden, rotting ones that are unable to accommodate large tourist boats that planners hope to attract in the future. The money will also fund construction of a stabilized embankment for safe access to the waterfront. Phase III also includes general landscape improvements.

Phase I provided for a new, improved "fish cleaning station" and development of the "Onondaga Trail" which provided public access and a direct link between the upper levels of the Village, to the fishing areas, boat launching areas and public visits.

Phase II provided for the removal of the Public Works building from the waterfront area which made for improved parking for both cars and boat trailers. It also included new floating docks with handicap access.

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